



## NUFFIELD COLLEGE

### UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

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#### **Postdoctoral Researcher, Centre for Social Investigation**

Nuffield College intends to appoint a Postdoctoral Researcher to support the work of a new interdisciplinary research programme, the Centre for Social Investigation (CSI).

The Centre aims to provide authoritative, non-partisan research on central social issues, and thereby to become an independent and rigorous source of information and analysis. In addition to publishing technical work for academic audiences, a central part of the Centre's work will be to communicate the results of its activities in an accessible way to non-technical audiences.

CSI is hosted by Nuffield College, and directed by Professor Anthony Heath. Funding for the Centre has been secured for three years in the first instance.

The main responsibilities of the Postdoctoral Researcher will be to conduct, under the supervision of the Director and in collaboration with other members of the Centre, quantitative research in areas of relevance to the Centre's work. She or he will be expected to publish (as author or co-author) the results of the Centre's research in the form of working papers, articles in refereed journals, and as pieces aimed at non-academic audiences (such as blog entries, briefing notes, and press releases). The Postdoctoral Researcher will present the results of the Centre's research at seminars, workshops, and conferences, and will play a leading role in the organisation of workshops, conferences, and other events associated with the Centre's work. She or he will represent the Centre and its work, building and nurturing working relationships with relevant individuals and institutions within the public and private sectors, including the media. The Postdoctoral Researcher will identify additional areas of research interest and will assist with applications for external funding. She or he will take an active and significant role in the administrative and technical functions of the Centre, for example by contributing to the design and/or upkeep of the Centre's website.

The post is a full-time appointment for a fixed term of three years, with the possibility of renewal. Applications to hold the post on a part-time basis will also be considered. There will be an initial probationary period of six months. The salary for the post will lie within the College's Research Officer scale (currently £24,259 p.a. - £28,694 p.a.). The Postdoctoral Researcher will be eligible for free lunch and dinner in the College.

The successful applicant will have completed, or be close to completing, a doctorate in a subject relevant to the Centre's work, and will possess high-level academic skills in quantitative research, together with an excellent record of publication in refereed journals

(taking account of his or her career stage). Experience of relevant statistical or econometric techniques would be an advantage. She or he will demonstrate the ability to identify and exploit connections between advanced social science research and contemporary issues of interest, and will possess the capacity and willingness to contribute to the strategic and intellectual development of the Centre. The successful applicant will possess a high level of written and communication skills, including the ability to interact effectively in writing and in person with non-academic audiences, with experience of successfully presenting research to non-academic audiences. She or he should be able to demonstrate skills in at least one of the administrative or technical areas relevant to the Centre's work such as designing websites, drafting briefing notes, writing blogs, or presenting results in graphical form.

Further particulars are available from the College web page: <http://www.nuffield.ox.ac.uk/About/Vacancies/Documents/CSIpdfFPs.pdf> or from the College Registrar, Nuffield College, Oxford OX1 1NF. Email: [pprf@nuffield.ox.ac.uk](mailto:pprf@nuffield.ox.ac.uk). The final closing date for applications is **Wednesday 22 October 2014**. Applications will be reviewed as they are received and candidates may be invited for interview in advance of the closing date.

The College exists to promote excellence in education and research, and is an equal opportunities employer committed to equality and valuing diversity. Applications are particularly welcome from black and minority ethnic candidates, who are currently under-represented in posts in the College.